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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

A. Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Programme 26. Integration of social groups

1. At its 38th meeting, on 1 June 1990, the Committee considered programme 26, Integration of social groups, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/45/6 (Prog. 26)).

Discussion

2. Some delegations were of the view that paragraph 26.31 should be deleted, as there exist a number of international instruments that deal with the rights of disabled persons.

3. One delegation indicated that the subprogramme on youth should receive high priority.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee noted that no priority designation had been proposed among the three subprogrammes.

5. The Committee recommended approval of programme 26 of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997.

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

A. Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Programme 27. Advancement of women

1. At its 38th meeting, on 1 June 1990, the Committee considered programme 27, Advancement of women, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/45/6 (Prog. 27)).

Discussion

2. Some delegations suggested that subprogrammes 1, 2 and 3 should be consolidated into one subprogramme. Other delegations supported the structure of the programme as proposed. It was proposed that subprogramme 2, Development, should be assigned high priority. It was mentioned that the role of the United Nations in the implementation of the programme, particularly in paragraph 27.5, was overstated. Some delegations indicated that subprogramme 3 should focus more on problems of domestic violence rather than on the role of women in global disarmament issues.

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3. Some delegations proposed amendments to the programme:

(a) Subprogramme 1. Reference should be made to national machinery in implementation of the subprogramme, and in paragraph 27.13 (h), in addition to the reference to the public sector, reference should also be made to the private sector;

(b) Subprogramme 2. In addition to the mention of non-governmental organizations in paragraph 27.19 (e), reference should also be made to the organizations of the United Nations system.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recommended approval of programme 27 of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997.

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

A. Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Programme 34, Regional Co-operation for development in western Asia

1. At its 32nd and 33rd meetings, on 29 and 30 May, the Committee considered programme 34, Regional co-operation for development in western Asia, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/45/6 (Prog. 34)).

Discussion

2. Some delegations expressed satisfaction with the general thrust of the programme.

3. Some delegations considered that some of the activities proposed exceeded the current legislation mandates and that several sections of the programme required redrafting to reflect the current international labour and trading environment.

4. Some delegations considered that while the issue of integration of women in development was important, the activities proposed for subprogramme 13 were not sufficiently precise.

5. Under subprogramme 2, Development issues and policies, attention was drawn to the recent reunification of Democratic Yemen and Yemen.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee recommended the approval of programme 34 of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 with the following modifications:

(a) Paragraph 34.42. In the tenth line, replace the sentence "The two ... large trade deficits." by the following "The least developed country of the ESCWA region, the Republic of Yemen, is dependent on external resources to finance development projects and its large trade deficit."

(b) Paragraph 34.44 (b). The paragraph should read:

> Studies related to the problems of least developed countries, as they relate to the Republic of Yemen will be implemented in close co-operation with ESCWA.

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

A. Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Programme 13. International trade

1. At its 45th meeting, on 5 June, the Committee considered programme 13, International trade, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/45/6 (Prog. 13)).

Discussion

2. The Committee considered that the programme was a balanced presentation of the policy orientation in that area, given the broad and complex activities covered by the programme.

3. Some delegations suggested that subprogramme 4, Transfer of technology, should mention the environmentally sound transfer of technology.

4. Some delegations considered that subprogramme 5, Trade among countries having different economic and social systems, should not be a separate subprogramme given the evolving international situation. Other delegations felt that the subprogramme

should be retained and adjusted as appropriate in the light of future intergovernmental decisions.

5. It was suggested that a subprogramme dealing with the economies in transition in Eastern Europe could be considered.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee recommended that General Assembly resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990 be added to the introductory sections and the relevant subprogrammes of the programme.

7. The Committee recommended approval of programme 13 of the proposed medium-term plan with the following modification:

(a) Subprogrammes 1, 2, 4 and 6 should be assigned high priority;

(b) Paragraph 13.11. The words "for reference purposes" should be replaced by "for indicative purposes".

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

A. Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Programme 14. Development finance, resource flows and external debt

1. At its 44th meeting, on 4 June 1990, the Committee considered programme 14, Development finance, resource flows and external debt, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/45/6 (Prog. 14)).

Discussion

2. Some delegations considered that the programme should not only deal with questions of utilization, by developing countries, of external financial resources and the adequacy of such resources, but should also place greater emphasis on the availability of such resources.

3. A number of delegations questioned the manner in which priorities were dealt with in the programme.

4. Some delegations expressed the view that the objectives of subprogramme 2, Debt and development problems of developing countries, were not sufficiently

specific, while others felt that the course of action under the subprogramme should have made reference to innovative measures to resolve the problem of debt.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. The Committee recommended that resolutions 44/205, 44/232 and S-18/3 should be included as legislative mandates for subprogrammes 1, 2 and 3.

6. The Committee stressed the need for close co-operation with the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs on issues related to debt.

7. The Committee recommended approval of programme 14 of the proposed medium-term plan subject to the above conclusions and with the following modifications:

(a) Subprogrammes 1 and 2 should be assigned high priority;

(c) Paragraph 14.15. Insert after "developing countries" the words "and some other countries with serious debt-servicing problems";

(d) Paragraph 14.16. Insert after "institutions" in the fifth line the words "as well as some other countries with serious debt-servicing problems".